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I.R.S. CRUCIFIES PORTH

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While our T.V. is busily diverting American taxpayer attention by grinding out sports extravaganzas, mushy "soap operas," idiotic antics for kiddies and "fun and be jolly," integrated programs for the adults, behind it all the "feds" are grimly and relentlessly clearing away the last vestiges of patriotic resistance to their satanic plans of world conquest, before whom the great working masses of all races will grovel and serve. If you think this idea of world conquest is tommyrot, dig out the facts for yourself, and write **Keep America Alert Committee**, Box 3094, Los Angeles 54, Calif., for "The Zionist Dream of World Empire" or "The Anatomy of a Revolution" by Lt. Col. Arch E. Roberts, Box 986, Fort Collins, Col. 80521 in which this statement appears in the Prelude:

"At the turn of the century an ambitious and morally degenerate group of financiers and industrialists in America fixed upon a long range plan which would ultimately deliver control of the world's people and resources into their hands."

Or let's move to Florida, where Mary M. Davison in her most revealing book the "Profound Revolution" names names and quotes in the foreword an excellent authority on the subject of "revolution" as follows;

"On Dec. 17, 1963 — President Lyndon Johnson appeared before the General Assembly of the United Nations and stated, 'When I entered the Congress of the United States twenty-seven years ago, it was my privilege to work with Franklin Delano Roosevelt. AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS I WORKED WITH HIM TO BRING ABOUT A PROFOUND BUT PEACEFUL REVOLUTION.'" To polish it off move over to Pretoria, So. Africa, Box 2401 and pick up the Dec. 1970 issue of The South African Observer, for a realistic outside viewpoint.

The issue starts off with an article entitled, "Menace of the International Money Power," and on Page 12 headlines an article in the U.S. Congressional Record by Congressman John R. Rarick, "International Bankers Get \$2 3/4 BILLION from U.S."

Persecuted Patriots

This article is just to show you how this enormous greedy, avaricious monster moves among the American people to squash out any insect that dares to raise its head in protest. One by one dedicated patriots trying desperately to force constitutional tests of basic issues that have been shoved through a money hungry Congress, are being knocked off by the I.R.S. and other gestapo agents of the international thieves.

JEROME DALY of Savage, Minnesota got it in the neck — disbarment for daring to question in the courts, the blatant and obvious illegality and fraudulency of the federal reserve notes manipulated under the cloak of "U.S. Currency." Did YOU know that that plaster-Mortgage on your house, half of which is composed of interest to the big bankers — isn't worth the paper it's printed on because the Judge who heard the



A. J. PORTH, who fought Income Tax for years as unconstitutional, has been subject to imprisonment and mental death for upholding the Constitution. This was accomplished under Administrative Law, the Administrative Act of 1946, to be specific. Administrative Law was the brainchild of Felix Frankfurter, and he thoroughly indoctrinated his students, many of whom still hold key government positions, in order to bypass Congress and the Constitution.

case in Minnesota found these mortgages were not backed by anything of real value? They were simply established by bookkeeping entries. All you have to do about that awful mortgage you have is to stop payment on it and defy the bank to prove to you that it has earned the 100% interest charge on the principal. How do you think these banks get such gorgeous buildings etc.? That is what Jerome Daly did but you better place the judge on the case under special guard because Judge Mahoney who found for Daly died very mysteriously right after he made this decision. The "Purple People Eaters" stop at nothing.

BOB MUNCASTER of Montgomery, Ala. is being pursued by the I.R.S. because he is enough of a patriot, having served in the armed forces, to question the obvious unconstitutionality of the Selective Service Act in an undeclared war. And what mother WANTS to send her son to a United Nations war anywhere, whether it be Vietnam or the Mideast, where she knows he has no better than a fifty-fifty chance of not coming back a DRUG ADDICT if he comes back at all? Where in Congress do you find a man who has sworn to defend and uphold the Constitution under which he draws his fat paycheck, who has the guts of this veteran to challenge and support the question of participation in unconstitutional wars? This kind of resistance the establishment wants no part of so Bob Muncaster's head is on the chopping block waiting for the axe to fall.

BOB DePUGH is stewing in solitary confinement at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on trumped up charges of "conspiracy to rob a bank" and "illegal possession of firearms" by the Federal Bureau of Investigation A.T.T.U. division. What that outfit is, I still can't find out, but they sure had to dig deep to find some kind of an authority to "hang" one on the most courageous patriot we have — courageous because he openly urged Americans to be prepared to defend themselves against the all-out guerrilla attacks that we are now suffering under. Bob organized the Minutemen long before any Americans were conscious of the impending forces of destruction. A strange outfit, this F.B.I. — under J. Edgar Hoover — which warns the public against guerrilla attacks but persecutes the only man in the country with guts enough to organize volunteer defenders.

The individuals who stood up for the Constitution are endless, Tom Waller, Reno Varani, Jim Freed — where do you stop? — there were 1300 political prisoners in the Springfield Mental Institution when they tried to put General Walker away there. Not least of all was Otto Blume. Do YOU know who he was?

Now comes A. J. Porth, greatest living authority on the U.S. Constitution, who has clearly shown that the Administration of the income tax violates 26 of our sacred rights provided under the Constitution. The Income Tax is the "Sacred Cow" of the Big Money boys. Without it they are as helpless as a gunslinger without his gun. The "Silent Treatment" — complete exclusion from the public by our controlled news media — has always been the most lethal weapon applied against "upstarts" like Porth; and believe me, I know from personal experience just how humiliating this can be. But Porth was the kind of guy who carried the fight to the enemy's very teeth.

So we are going to tell you about this fight, because the Porth case is the BIG TEST case for forces on both sides — forget the enemy coined words "conservative" and "liberal" — this is purely a battle between good and evil, the good who believe in the power, magnificence and supremacy of God's laws against the evil who believe in the man-made Power of Money. Try to find the congressman who does not believe that money is the answer to all our problems despite the fact that under this philosophy, our Congress in the past century has completely sold us out to the big money boys. We are in truth a bankrupt nation. We owe more money than all the rest of the nations in the world put together.

More than that, we are going to minutely examine the enemy's modus operandi so you can pin it up on your wall or make a ragdoll out of it, so you can stick pins in it, the meanwhile muttering incantations so the enemy will wince with every pin prick. Surely there must be some way to strike back at the big bad wolf.

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Who Is Arthur J. Porth?

Regardless of who he was there is no question that the Porth case will go down in history as the turning point in the battle between the PEOPLE and the BIG MONEY BOYS who really blew their stack on this one, as you will see.

Back in the '50's, he was a contractor with construction crews who were assigned odd jobs like erecting huge signs, building home and business additions, laying sewer lines, etc. His "crews" were men of ability whom he knew and to whom he contracted out phases of work in their special fields, such as tinsmithing, heating and ventilation, concrete work, steel construction and the like. Then came the I.R.S., always looking to pick up a buck from the little fellow for the Federal Reserve coffers, and told him he should be withholding from these people — that they were his "employees" according to the rules and regulations of the I.R.S. Porth objected and refused because these people were all independent contractors quite capable of making out their own income tax returns. They needed no "wet nursing" from him and besides, though Porth is a very religious man, he did not believe he was his "brother's keeper" — least of all the I.R.S. had no business mixing its concept of church and state into his fiscal affairs.

Porth finally became so angered at the IRS insistence on this whole matter that he dropped his construction work as a means of living, started making a study of the entire tax operation and finally hung his shingle out as "Tax Consultant." What he learned was enough to send the chills down the spine of any thinking person.

"The Socialist 16th"

He discovered that the personal income tax was inspired by Karl Marx and incorporated in the Communist Party Manifesto of 1848.

As far back as 1860, unthinking Congressmen lusting for tax money to finance the civil war passed the first individual income tax law — following right on the heels of the Communist Manifesto of 1848. Even in those days word got around fast, and you can figure that the poor, uneducated proletariat were not the media for this news dissemination, — paradoxically the Communist revolutions have NOT been brought about by the proletariat as Karl Marx predicted but rather by the very bourgeoisie that Communism was supposed to kill. This law hung around on the books and as far as I know is still probably on the books — Congress NEVER repeals its own laws — they die of their own weight. There was just no means of enforcing it. The Big Money Boys realized there was still a lot of work ahead of them.

But incidentally, Lincoln financed the Civil War by establishing his "Greenbacks" which were non-interest bearing UNITED STATES NOTES — NOT Federal Reserve notes and they were issued by the United States Government in accordance with the Constitution, and not the privately owned Federal Reserve Board; although both are drawn on the credit of our nation. The international bankers could reap no harvest from notes that were non-interest bearing and when Lincoln pulled this on them they were literally out of their minds. Shortly thereafter Lincoln was assassinated and to this day the facts behind this horrible deed are still being withheld from the public.

With Abraham Lincoln out of the way and the idea of interest bearing debt thoroughly enthroned, the Big Money Boys had to make sure their control of the production of wealth or money — the working man — would always remain under their thumb. Li'l ole Marx was right about that — the individual income tax was the surest bet. So on they came again in 1895 and persuaded Congress again to pass a personal Income Tax Law. Who do you suppose killed this one? Think hard! Our own UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. In those days we had real Americans steeped in Constitutional Law on our Supreme Court.



The National Country Killers Still At Work

This Supreme Court decision probably led to the realization that you can't stop just trying to control Congress, if you are to take over this struggling new country — you have got to take over the entire judiciary from top to bottom; this idea will be clearly brought out in the Porth case. America was too ripe a plum to be picked by the international bankers in league with the ideological Fabian Socialists to let slip by; but they realized that a little more termite work was necessary before the whole plum tree would fall in their lap.

It took until 1913 to slip the idea of a constitutional amendment through a weary, skeleton, forced Congress on Dec. 23, two nights before Christmas. But this time they made doubly sure they would have complete control; so along with this constitutional amendment they shoved through the Federal Reserve Act which is totally unconstitutional, for it flagrantly violated Article 1, Sec. 8, paragraph 2 and 4 which read —

"The CONGRESS shall have power to lay and collect taxes — to BORROW money on the credit of the United States and (4) to coin money, regulate the value thereof . . ."

The Federal Reserve Act took these constitutional powers AWAY FROM CONGRESS WITHOUT APPROVAL of the people and delegated them to private citizens — international bankers, who to this day are NOT subject to audit by the General Accounting Office, Government agency charged with audit responsibility. The Federal Reserve Banks **PAY NO INCOME TAX**. Their employees are not even selected through the U.S. Civil Service Commission! And when the Federal Reserve Board decides to change the rates which can bring on us a financial depression, as it did in 1929, not even the President has anything to say about it.

But the Federal Reserve Board, in order to function, had to have assurance that the dough would come rolling in and also needed authority for its collection — something that was lacking back in 1860 — so the Constitution had to be amended to provide for the Income Tax. At least let us give them credit for respecting the amendment process written into our original Constitution. Today they don't bother with the Constitution anymore except as it serves them in Article 5, the provision against self-incrimination — a provision incidentally which they would NOT LET PORTH USE IN HIS CASE!

Let us take a look at the 16th Amendment and remember that when it was passed the total indebtedness of the federal government was about **ONE BILLION DOLLARS**; on which we, the taxpayers, pay interest as dictated by the Federal Reserve Bank for use of the very money whose value we create.

So now what is our National Debt — at least that much of it as is published, almost 400 times as much, and on which we taxpayers still pay interest to the international bankers. This, of course, is only a small part of the racket they work which is gradually bleeding this country to death. Who said Communism was the product of the "proletariat"? It has become the instrument of the **SUPER CAPITALISTS**. Here is what the 16th Amendment says:

"The CONGRESS shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, FROM WHATEVER SOURCES DERIVED . . ."

But the U.S. Congress does not in **ANY** respect lay, control or collect the personal income tax. Instead the Internal Revenue Service collects all the taxes for the Federal Reserve Banks. What a racket, and Congress has nothing to say about it! Congress can't even regulate the interest rates the bankers set. Therefore this constitutional amendment invalidates itself in the first few words.

No Exceptions

Note the clause, "FROM WHATEVER SOURCES DERIVED." A very positive all inclusive statement. Does the Internal Revenue Service collect from the enormous income of the Federal Reserve Banks? If so, there is no record of it anywhere, and yet this "Den of Thieves" is the biggest money maker in the world. But that is only the beginning. A.J. Porth and Austin Flett have defied the federal government to name one single co-operative of any kind whether it be insurance, distribution, farmers, you name it, that pays an income tax. Yet all of these operations compete with private business operations that are forced to pay income taxes.

Next in order are the mammoth multi-million foundations like the Ford Foundation which contributes lavishly to the revolutionaries — \$75,000 to Black Panthers at U.C.L.A., among many other left wing operations such as supporting **S.E.I.C.U.S., National Council of Churches** (also tax-exempt). See the new book by Hurst B. Amyx, "The Ford Foundation Bankrolls the Left." All the big money interests support the **LEFT**, and they are all **Income Tax exempt**; Carnegie — \$86,000.00 for organization of Chicago Riots according to report of Illinois Crime Investigation; Rockefeller Foundation constantly promoting trade with Red Russia and China; Mellon — the string is endless and **ALL TAX-EXEMPT**.

If you really want to dig into this whole mess of corruption, discrimination and inequity, read a book entitled "Man to Man" by Bernard N. Ward, C.P.A. who lists some 300 pages of inequities from his own personal experiences as a tax collector.

Who Is the Sucker?

You had better believe the only person who really gets hooked on the federal income tax is the working man who can do least about it. He gets it taken out of his paycheck through the Withholding tax, which statute was shoved through Congress with the promise that it was only a temporary war measure. It has been temporary a long time.

According to figures released about a decade ago and published in the Congressional Record, something like 75% of the "take" from the income tax comes from people earning less than \$20,000.00 annually and the biggest chunk is taken from those earning less than \$6,000.00. It would be interesting to see what the figures are today.

One thing you can count on, it isn't the millionaires who pay the tax, like Karl Marx promised. In fact the Saturday Evening Post for the third week in December 1967 carried an article revealing the tax dodging of the multi-millionaires. Stuart Alsop was the author. This oldest of our magazines went out of business shortly after this article appeared.

So slick is the withholding operation that the worker who has been "taken," comes out wreathed in smiles when he gets a tax refund at the end of the year because the IRS was a little too zealous in making the paycheck deductions! That is really robbing you and making you like it.

Up from the Ranks

Porth was a working man. He had to make it on his own from the age of 13. Porth believed firmly that every man should have the right to spend the money he earned. It says so in the Bible, he would say (1st Corinthians Chapter 3 verse 8). "— And every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor."

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He further believed the average American spent the money he earned far wiser than the average congressman.

Porth commented: "Why should I contribute to the support of delinquent or illegitimate children whose parents I never even met? Charity is a function of the church, not the state. I will support such welfare cases as I see fit. Do we not have dozens of opportunities to contribute to some kind of a welfare or charity every day? You can't turn on a T.V. without hearing somebody appeal for money for some cause or other. But Congress never turns down any appeal. When it comes to spending our money, they have no equals. When it comes to my money, I believe in freedom of choice — the right to spend my own money."

With regard to taking private property (money is private property) for public use without just compensation, in one of his meetings with officials of the Internal Revenue Service, Porth took great delight in telling how he explained his situation to them. He quoted a Supreme Court decision — "The taking of private property for public use without just compensation not only violates the United States Constitution, Amendment 5, forbidding it, but is a violation of natural rights and justice." Continuing, he said, "I commented on rape. It is wrong to take that from any lady not volunteered freely. The taking of private property in this instance is and always has been governed by natural law or will. The respect and dignity afforded a lady in this instance was enjoyed and protected even before the Constitution of the U.S. was adopted. So it is and must be with all private property. The taking of it is a constitutional violation AS WELL AS a violation of natural laws and justice."

The hollow mockery of this Satanic tax that was sold to Congress on the basis of "soak the rich" infuriated Porth. When he first conceived the idea of filing his 1040 form in blank he simply wrote in: "I plead the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States" and signed it. The pertinent part of this Amendment reads: "No person . . . shall be compelled in any criminal court case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." In filling out form 1040 he would explain, "This procedure is so complex, so intimate and the directions so confusing that any person could incriminate himself without knowing it. I refuse to place myself in that position."

As Porth's knowledge of the Constitution increased, he eventually listed 26 protective clauses which caused him to amend his final 1963 income tax return to read: "My rights under the Constitution and its Preamble are affected as follows." The list appeared in the Dec. 8, 1970 issue of the Congressional Record having been inserted there by Honorable John R. Rarick.

Where Are the Lawyers?

What bothered Porth most was the fact that he was unable to enlist the interest of ANY lawyer anywhere in his findings. None disagreed with him but no lawyer would represent him in court, despite the fact that every attorney practicing before the bar in the United States has to take an oath to defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States.

Justice, as you and I conceive of it, is simply not to be found at the courts, for the very simple reason that the standards of "justice" change from Supreme Court to Supreme Court depending upon what particular sociologists are dictating the policy of our government. The Porth case, as it goes through the courts, will highlight this.

Arthur Porth had studied his Constitution well and reviewed carefully old Supreme Court decisions rendered by Judges appointed to uphold the Constitution and

not the pack of social reformers we now have who are also the prime promoters of our current flood of PORNOGRAPHY. Every "X" movie released advertises this fact with its opening credit to the Supreme Court. Something Eh?

He knew that his position on the income tax was impregnable because the language in the Constitution was clear and unmistakable. As time went on through years of correspondence with I.R.S. officials, Porth became aware of the fact that both the I.R.S. and the Justice Department were well aware that his position was solid and neither dared challenge it. In fact, he defied the establishment to prosecute him. Seven years passed, and his challenge was never accepted. As I have previously observed, Porth was a very "bullheaded" and persistent individual. He was determined to have a showdown.

"Why Aren't You in Jail?"

The opportunity for a showdown came in the fall of 1966. Senator Long of Missouri was holding hearings on the illegal and brutal methods used by the I.R.S. to bludgeon taxpayers into submission. When these hearings came to Kansas City, Mo., I called Arthur and suggested that we attend them. We were the first witnesses to arrive in the morning but by noon we had still not been called on.

When the noontime recess was called we approached the Senator and told him it was urgent that we be heard as soon as possible. Senator Long called his counsel, a young energetic sort of fellow. I introduced Porth as the man who refused to pay federal income taxes and he wanted to explain why. The counsel literally fell back in astonishment, "Why aren't you in jail?" he blurted out.

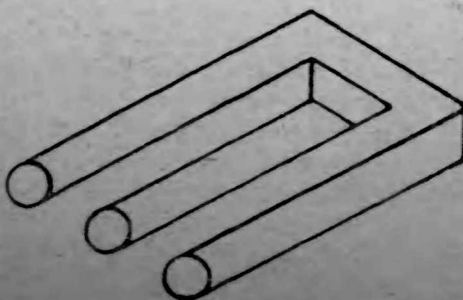
"That's what I'm here for," Porth calmly replied. "I'd like for you to try to put me in jail." Porth contended that it was the duty of the Justice Department to indict him if he was guilty of any crime.

This was a very important point in Porth's position. He had noted that the I.R.S. was always maneuvering the reluctant taxpayer into a position where the taxpayer was the plaintiff pleading with the courts to make certain exceptions to his position on tax paying. You may recall the vibrant case of Vivien Kellems, who refused to be forced into becoming a tax collector for her employees under the Withholding Tax.

But the crafty government "lawyers" grabbed her bank account and forced her to sue the government to return her money. Can you imagine your own government putting you in such a position? Well these rascals do it all the time. Porth was not about to be caught in that trap. He was going to be the defendant and the government was going to prosecute him. And so it was.

We left the hearing room and I gave Porth enough money for bus fare home. Hardly had he set foot in his own doorstep when a grand jury in Kansas City, Kansas, across the river from Kansas City, Mo., popped up from nowhere and served notice on him to appear before them. Problems developed, however. It seemed no judge wanted to hear Porth's case. Some six months later Judge George Templar of Topeka, Kansas held court.

WHAT IS IT??



Exact re-production of the "LIBERAL MIND." If you can figure this out, you may just possibly succeed in figuring out your personal Income Tax.

Porth was confident but made one bad mistake. He assumed that the Constitution was the law of the land. He never doubted it until he found himself in the Springfield Mental Prison, and I then told him that the Constitution was buried under the Administrative Procedure Act of 1946. He looked at me intently and said, "Smith, if what you say is true, then there is no hope for this country."

In July 1967, a jury found Porth guilty of "evasion of personal income taxes." Anybody who has had dealings with the Internal Revenue Service knows that it can always be bought off for a price of some kind i.e., their preposterous claims can always be "settled." So if Porth wanted to settle for money, a hundred bucks would probably have induced the I.R.S. to call off their dogs. Plainly the charge of "income tax evasion" was utterly absurd. What Porth did not realize is the fact that under the I.R.S. rules and regulations, by virtue of the Administrative Procedure Act of 1946, the only possible charge that could be brought against him was, "evasion of income taxes." Note this. Not one word of the brief carefully prepared by Porth setting forth his constitutional position was permitted to be entered into the court hearing. Arthur was dumbfounded by the entire proceeding and instantly appealed to the next higher court, still believing that the Constitution was the Law of the Land.

Adding insult to injury, 17 days after the case was tried Judge Templar sentenced Porth to five years in prison on four counts of tax evasion and failure to file, and decided that Porth should be sent to the federal mental hospital in Springfield, Mo., for 90 days "observation."

Porth knew that a 90 day sentence in any of the government mental institutions was tantamount to a death sentence, because both of us had investigated the case of one Otto Blume who had been sent to the same institution in 1965 because he refused to yield title to his land, a 180-acre ranch, that the U.S. War Department wanted for recreation purposes. The only way the War Department could obtain legal title to the land would be to have Blume declared insane as Blume had made it very clear his land was not for sale AT ANY PRICE. He refused the eight thousand odd dollar check proffered him.

Blume was found insane on the evidence presented by some foreign-born psychiatrists whose broken English was barely understandable. Poor Blume, deserted by his friends and relatives, who were not permitted to see him anyway, died two weeks after the hearing and the War Department came into undisputed title.

Appeal Procedure

Let's take a look now at what happened to Porth's pleadings in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Oklahoma. Attorney Jerome Daly came to Porth's defense and agreed to represent him. He appeared before the judge late in the morning of the appointed time.

Jerome Daly was the fiery patriot who won his case in Minnesota, referred to earlier, in which he proved that federal reserve notes were not legal tender or currency and were therefore fraudulent. You will recall that Judge Mahoney who rendered the favorable decision, died suddenly shortly thereafter, and Jerome Daly was disbarred for daring to defy the international thieves who manipulate the federal reserve system. All this came to a head about the time Jerome Daly faced the judge in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. The judge asked Daly if he had been disbarred and Daly admitted that an action was pending. Without hearing a word in Porth's defense, the judge dismissed the case. Thus "justice" is meted out in the federal courts today.

This did not bother Porth too much because now he knew his dream of taking his case to the Supreme Court was at last to be filled. Here he was certain his arguments relative to the unconstitutionality of the income tax were bound to be heard. In fact, he determined to carry his brief to

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the Supreme Court in person to make sure there was no slip. He had enlisted the interest of Senator Bob Dole of Kansas who assigned his administrative assistant to conduct him to the Supreme Court. It is difficult to describe what happened here because it is hard to believe that our U.S. Supreme Court could deal in such chicanery. Briefly, the Supreme Court never heard Porth's case. It became befuddled in technicalities. So the court issued an action called "Certiorari" which simply means the lower court decision was upheld without Supreme Court review. So who owns the Supreme Court?

Thus the decision of Judge George Templar's Court issued circa, July 18, 1967 was upheld. Porth was guilty of "evasion of taxes" and on Nov. 6, 1970 was remanded to the custody of Templar's Court. But here is the payoff. Three and a half years ago, Templar had decided Porth should be sent to the federal mental institute for 90 days observation. At this late date, despite the fact, or maybe because of the fact, that Porth had been moving from coast to coast speaking on his subject "Why I Pay No Federal Income Taxes," Judge Templar still had the audacity to enforce his 3½-year-old edict.

There was no alternative for Porth and he entered the Springfield Medical Center for Federal Prisoners on November 6. Patriots from coast to coast were outraged. I did not hear about it until November 13, but two days later I was beating on the prison door demanding to see my old friend.

On our first visit to Mr. Porth, he still stood erect, strong and apparently healthy. He was confused that he was treated as a criminal and placed in an institution with 900 other political prisoners, murderers, bank robbers and other vicious criminals. He could not understand why they had taken his watch away from him so that he could not tell the time of day or night and he was upset because the prison diet was heavy on starches totally against his prescribed diet. I deposited sufficient funds to his credit in the jail commissary so he could purchase a watch and buy fresh fruits. When we left he was cheerful and convinced that he would soon be released. He took great pride in explaining how well he observed the prison rules.

Mrs. Feroll M. Pyle and I called on Porth a second time just after Thanksgiving. We were advised that at last he had been able to talk with an attorney, Mr. Donegan, whom he had never met before. He appeared a little more nervous and furtive and had lost much of his self assurance but we told him we would contact his attorney and see what was being done and could be done about his release. To this point besides us only Mrs. Porth, his wife, had gained admittance.

It was not until December 13, that we were able to return and this time there was an alarming and noticeable deterioration in his condition. He seemed wan and tired. All fight had left him. He confided, "I've got to get out of here. If a man is not insane when he enters these walls, he will be insane before he gets out."

He had heard no more from his attorneys. He was nervous and kept looking beyond us in a distant fixation. He would not complain about his treatment but did state that he was only allowed four visitations per month and that already two had been used up.

We left with the conviction that no stone must be left unturned to gain his release as quickly as possible. It was Sunday and not a good day to locate his lawyer whom outside friends had arranged for, but we finally found him at his home just before sitting down to supper. Mr. Donegan was most cordial, invited us into his home and for thirty minutes explained the legal difficulties of Porth's case ending up with the statement that up to this point he had been unable to find a handhold to enable him to hurdle the solid wall of legality sur-

rounding Porth's confinement. When we concluded this interview we were thoroughly frightened because we knew that Donegan was reputed to be the most capable attorney available. There appeared to be no legal avenue of escape for my old friend. What could possibly be done to obtain his release? I had already written my Congressman and his Senator and neither indicated any hope.

But now we had only one thought. Porth's life was at stake. Regardless of the issues involved, somehow or other we had to get Porth out of that horrible hole. If you really want to know just how horrible it is, read the book entitled, "Destroy the Accuser," by Fred Seelig, who also was thrown to the wolves here. Seelig, although a young man, died prematurely due to the punishment received here.

There could only be one hope — appeal to the people. Brave words, but how does one do this without money? We called up Wayne A. Morse in Kansas City. Wayne is probably the most notorious professional picketeer in the United States and certainly the most experienced. He knew Porth and knew what a great patriot he was. "You know, Smith, since my wife died, I have retired from this scene." Wayne explained, but we talked and finally he said, "I will help out."

We had barely a week to prepare signs, printed material, advise the Judge we would picket his office, notify the Topeka Chief of Police, assemble our picketeers and traverse the required 350 miles between points.

On Monday, Dec. 21 we arrived with the circulars neatly printed, at the office of the Chief of Police in Topeka, just in time to catch him before he went to lunch.

Shortly after lunch we took the elevators in the Federal building to Judge Templar's office.

As the Committee spokesman, I came quickly to the point and handed Judge Templar a copy of our questionnaire. He was very obliging and explicit in answering the questions. Without recording the entire 45 minute interview let us bring out the salient points. He had a choice of sending Porth to a federal prison to serve the sentence pronounced or he could send him to a mental institution for 90 days "observation" which he felt was the "kindest" alternative. I asked him by what authority he sent Porth to Springfield and he obligingly produced and read section 4208 (b) of Title 18 of the U.S. Criminal Code.

Mrs. Pyle pointed to the stigma attached to sending anyone to a mental institute and asked in the name of humanity and the Christmas spirit that Judge Templar release Porth from the Springfield pen for Christmas. Templar said he could not possibly do this — he could only wait for the reports to follow their regular channels and when returned to him from the Bureau of Prisons and Department of Justice, he would determine whether or not he would place Porth on probation. Then he made a very startling statement. He said that he would **NOT** release Porth on probation unless Porth agreed to stop talking about the income tax and his case.

As we left the judge's chambers Mrs. Pyle said to me: "Why that is blackmail. That has nothing to do with the issues at stake."

"Yes," I agreed, "but these are the powers-that-be and if we are to save Porth's life, we must recommend to him that he agree to the terms for his release. I immediately wrote Mrs. Porth and she subsequently advised me that Porth had written a letter to the judge agreeing to his conditions. One month later almost to the day Porth was released in accordance with these terms. Porth was released alive and breathing to be sure, but today he is a broken man, impaired physically and sadly disillusioned. He will not speak to anyone. He is facing a very serious operation but never again may he raise his voice in protest of the violation of his Constitutional rights and especially of the newest violation of his right of free speech.

The ignominy of Porth's defeat was best expressed on the front page of the **Wichita Beacon** for Jan. 27, 1971 under this headline:

"Tax Rebel Porth Freed on Condition He Quit Picking on Revenue Service."
Hear the text of the article:

"A. J. Porth, longtime vocal foe of the Internal Revenue Service, who went to jail rather than pay income tax, may be silenced forever by conditions of the federal probation that freed him last week.

"Porth had served 2½ months . . .

"The most poignant of the five conditions of the probation (two years), which had been accepted by Porth before his release, is that he must 'abstain' from speaking, writing or questioning by any other means the 'constitutionality of the federal reserve system.'

"Another strong condition of the probation is that he file a copy of income tax returns with his probation officer when they are due."

Did you ever believe the day would come in the United States of America when any citizen would so publicly and brazenly be called on to give up his freedom of speech? If this does not tell you with what an iron fist the international bankers rule this country, then we all deserve the abject slavery forced upon us.

As for me, there was a great man who voiced my present sentiment many years ago — his name was Patrick Henry and I trust his words ring clear for any person who dares call himself "**AMERICAN**" today. "As for me, give me liberty or give me death."

Denouncement, What Remains to Be Done

The simple fact is that you cannot kill the money monster by feeding it but you can starve it to death. Do you have enough guts to stop feeding the beast that is destroying you?

The President has recommended to Congress that it return federal money to the states and cities. The best possible cure for inflation is to keep the money out of the hands of federal government who never should have had it in the first place. Leave the money at home with the people who earned it. **Abolish the federal income tax** and all its outlandish, costly collection. Certainly if the states and localities need funds to operate they have far greater legal right to stick their hands in the taxpayers' pocket than has the federal government. **AWAY WITH THE FEDERAL PERSONAL INCOME TAX AND THEN WATCH CONGRESS COME TO HEEL !!!**

LAURENCE C. SMITH and his committee are determined to continue Porth's fight against the vicious personal Income Tax so that the valiant efforts of patriots such as A. J. Porth will not have been in vain. Anyone wishing further information on how you can help are urged to write directly to . . .

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